

***- Federal Funding for Camp Smith in Final Spending Bill Sent to President -***

Washington, DC – Federal funding that U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) secured for the New York Army National Guard at Camp Smith is included in the final spending bill that Congress sent to the President this week to become law. The \$2,727,000 secured by Hall for Camp Smith has survived all rounds of House-Senate appropriations negotiations and was included in the final version of the funding bill passed by both the House and the Senate this week. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

The funding Congressman Hall secured will provide planning and design funds to support construction of a new Combined Support Maintenance Facility at Camp Smith in Cortland Manor, NY. This is a multiyear project that is scheduled to complete construction in 2011.

"The existing facilities at Camp Smith are totally inadequate and undersized to support the needs of the Army National Guard units that need it for maintenance services," said Hall. "This funding will help provide the New York Army National Guard with the state-of-the-art maintenance facility it needs at Camp Smith and help make sure the National Guard has the tools it needs to meet its mission."

The existing facilities encompass 36,801 square feet. The new Combined Support Maintenance Facility will consist of approximately 88,252 square feet of heated maintenance, storage, arms vault, and administrative space.